



*Many Voices Working for the Community*

## **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board**

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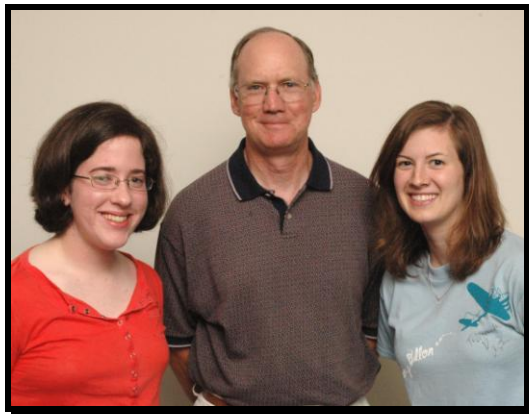
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### **Advisory Board/DOE Honor Outgoing Board Member**

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) and the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office recognized outgoing board member Tim Myrick and his many contributions to the SSAB during its June board meeting.

"From Tim's initial days as an SSAB member he has always been an enthusiastic and energetic leader," said John Eschenberg, the DOE's Oak Ridge Office Assistant Manager for Environmental Management (EM). Myrick served on the SSAB, a federally chartered citizens' panel that provides advice and recommendations to DOE's environmental cleanup program at the Oak Ridge Reservation, for six years. "Since his election as vice-chair of the board's EM Committee in 2005, Tim helped steer the committee through many issues central to DOE's EM mission," said Eschenberg.



*Retiring SSAB member Tim Myrick received a nice surprise when two of his protégés returned to offer him best wishes as he was recognized for his service at the June board meeting. Claire Campbell, left, and Miranda Clower were the 2008–09 student representatives to the board. Myrick mentored many of the SSAB student representatives during his six years as a board member.*

Myrick joined the SSAB in 2004. He served the maximum time afforded board members, three two-year terms. During his tenure Myrick acted in various capacities that included vice-chair of the board's EM Committee, student mentor to many of the board's high school student representatives, and he expanded the board's outreach program by presenting classes to area high school science students about environmental management and restoration of contaminated land.

Myrick is active in many community civic activities. He has been a member and director of *Aid to Distressed Families in Appalachian Counties*, assisted the Red Cross by raising money and personally donating funds for the purchase of a relief van that is used to prepare meals at disaster sites, worked with the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief agency, and served on the boards of the Nature Conservancy and the Anderson County Habitat for Humanity. He is a member of *Trout Unlimited*, an organization that performs river cleanup work, and he works with *Living Waters of*

*the World*, an agency established to help small Central American communities purify drinking water. He assisted with the establishment of a similar program in area Appalachian communities.

Professionally, Myrick spent most of his career working at the Oak Ridge Reservation for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Y-12 National Security Complex, and the East Tennessee Technology Park, where he performed environmental restoration and waste management work. Myrick led ORNL's east campus restoration project and oversaw the renovation of Oak Ridge High School while on loan from UT Battelle.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and feel it's a great opportunity for the public to get engaged in the important work going on across the Oak Ridge Reservation," said Myrick. "DOE really needs to get input from the general public and the board is an excellent forum for doing that."

"Perhaps my greatest joy I experienced as a board member was the opportunity to mentor high school students each year. Working with these bright, energetic, and engaged young adults renewed my faith in the capabilities being developed by our upcoming generations."

"The drawback of having a term-limited membership is that you have to give up people like Tim," said board chair Ron Murphree. "Tim is one of our most knowledgeable and effective board members. His insight and understanding of the many environmental management projects underway at the Oak Ridge Reservation has made him one of our most valuable members. We're going to miss his leadership and abilities."

The Oak Ridge SSAB meets at the DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN, at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and an open comment period is provided. For additional information, visit [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab) or call the support office at 865-241-4583 or 241-4584.

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